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Attorney Docket No. **26DT-005-CON**First Inventor or Application Identifier **AOKI et al.**Title **FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**Express Mail Label No. **22847760030****APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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1001	770	2001 Utility filing fee	770
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid		
		-20**	0	x	18	=	0
	2	-3**	0	x	86	=	0

Multiple Dependent

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204 43 **Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205 9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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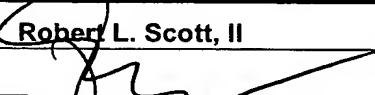
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